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Group : 2172

Examiner : Hung Q. Pham

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

This Response is filed in reply to the Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 24, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The September 24, 2003 Final Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by December 24, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.